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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ANDERSON ET AL.

Examiner

James G. Smith

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 119 as follows:

An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence(s) of the specification or in an application data sheet by identifying the prior application by application number (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). If the prior application is a non-provisional application, the specific reference must also include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number.

The presently filed amendment to page 1 is still inaccurate in that pertinent application data has been omitted and patent No. 6,257,106 is not related to application 09/904666, but to 08/904666.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 6-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

There is no antecedent basis for "said tool bit member" in claims 6, 8 and 11; "said tubular body" in claims 7, 9 and 10; "the(said) outer surface" in claims 9 and 10; and "the flat end wall portion" in claim 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 6-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by any of Anderson et. al. (218), (106), (561) as the effective date of the new matter in this application is the actual filing date and applicants' prior patents are more than one year from that date.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison et. al. in view of Beran.

Harrison et. al. shows the claimed invention except for the use of a closed end sleeve to accept removable tools in combination devices wherein the sleeve is pivotally attached to a handle. Beran suggests that a compound device can have a pivotally attached sleeve with a closed end that will accept tools in removable fashion. It would therefore be obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the

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invention was made to modify Harrison et. al. by using a closed end sleeve because Beran suggests the use of such a sleeve in combination devices wherein the sleeve is pivotally attached to the handle.

7. Claims 8 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison et. al. in view of Beran as applied to claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 above, and further in view of Park.

Harrison et. al., as modified by Beran above, shows the claimed invention except for the use of a double ended bit. Park suggests that a driver can have such a double ended bit to increase the number of tools in a single combination device. It would therefore be obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Harrison et. al. by using a double ended bit because Park suggests the use of such a bit in multiple tool devices.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The claim for domestic priority is still in accurate and thus cannot be granted, thus the same rejection as in the prior action applies, i.e. the section 102.

New 112 rejections now apply as there are numerous antecedent problems.

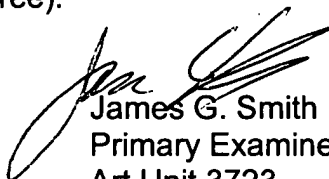
Also, new 103 rejections, similar to that in parent application 09/901,305 are made herein as the same general invention is being claimed.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G. Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-4496. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7:05- 4:35) Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail, III can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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